

City of Sylacauga
City Council Agenda
July 18, 2023

1. Call meeting to order at 5:41 by Council President, Ashton Fowler.
2. Roll Call: Councilmembers Present: Ashton Fowler, Nate Brewer, Laura Heath, Tiffany Nix, Lee Perryman; Councilmembers absent: None. Mayor James Heigl and City Clerk/Treasurer Alexandra Lambert were also present.
3. Invocation was provided by Council President Fowler prior to the work session.
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Report from Mayor Heigl:

Mayor Heigl had no report, but invited Laura Strickland, Director of the Sylacauga Chamber of Commerce, to speak to Council. Strickland presented valuable information and data from the recent Chamber-organized Firework Display. Impressively, the event attracted over 5,000 attendees. Strickland highlighted the attendees' pre and post activities, with a particular emphasis on the post-activities. She expressed her excitement about the tremendous economic impact as local establishments saw increased patronage from the event-goers. Curious about the data source, Council President Fowler asked Strickland, who revealed that Alabama Power provided the data.

6. Adopt Agenda:

A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to adopt agenda was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.

7. Approve minutes of the Special Council meeting held July 3rd, 2023:

A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Perryman to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.

8. Approve minutes of the regular City Council meeting held July 6th, 2023:

A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Perryman to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.

9. Approve minutes of the Regular Work Session held July 6th, 2023:

A motion by Councilmember Perryman, second by Councilmember Nix to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

10. Appointment of Part-Time Municipal Judge for a two-year term beginning July 18, 2023, through July 17, 2025.

Council President opened the floor and called for nominations:

Nominations:

- 1) Councilmember Brewer nominated Taylor Pharr.

Hearing no other nominations, Council President called for nominations to be closed.

*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to close nominations was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.*

Council President closed the floor and called for the vote on nominations:

Vote on nominations:

Those in favor of Taylor Pharr; roll call vote
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman.

Those opposed:
Nays None.

11. Action that is necessary to approve Resolution No. 32-2023 to appoint Taylor A. Pharr, Esq., as Part-Time Presiding Municipal Judge of the City of Sylacauga Municipal Court and that Judge Pharr will serve the two-year term beginning July 18, 2023, and ending July 17, 2025.

*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to approve Resolution No. 32-2023 to appoint Taylor A. Pharr, Esq. as the Part-Time Municipal Judge for a two-year term beginning July 18, 2023, through July 17, 2025, was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.*

12. Action that is necessary to approve Resolution No. 35-2023 to establish salary for the Part-Time Municipal Judge beginning July 18, 2023 through July 17, 2025.

*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to establish salary for Part Time Municipal beginning July 18, 2023 through July 17, 2025, was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.*

13. Action that is necessary to approve Resolution No. 36-2023 designating signatories for checks on City of Sylacauga bank accounts and for conducting other financial transactions on behalf of the City of Sylacauga.

*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to approve Resolution No. 36-2023 designating signatories for checks on City of Sylacauga bank accounts and for conducting other financial transactions on behalf of the City of Sylacauga was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.*

14. Action that is necessary to approve Resolution No. 37-2023 to amend FY23 budget by increasing line item 010-585-46009-000 funding in the amount of \$40,000.00 for "Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Public Transportation" managed and operated by Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement on behalf of the City of Sylacauga.

*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to approve Resolution No. 37-2023 to amend FY23 budget by increasing line item 010-585-46009-000 in the amount of \$40,000.00 for "Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Public Transportation" managed and operated by Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement on behalf of the City of Sylacauga was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Perryman; Nays Nix.*

15. Action that is necessary to approve Resolution No. 38-2023 to amend FY23 budget by increasing line item 010-585-46009-000 funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the "Local

Community Aging Services Title III Program” managed and operated by Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement on behalf of the City of Sylacauga.

A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to approve Resolution No. 38-2023 to amend FY23 budget by increasing line item 010-585-46009-000 funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the “Local Community Aging Services Title III Program” managed and operated by Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement on behalf of the City of Sylacauga was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Perryman; Nays Nix.

16. Action that is necessary to approve Resolution No. 34-2023 “Street Sounds” Initial Cost of Placement and Set-Up Phase I in the amount of \$24,440.00, with the City of Sylacauga funding \$12,220.00 and the Commercial Development Authority funding \$12,220.00.

A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second, by Councilmember Heath to approve Resolution No. 34-2023 “Street Sounds” Initial Cost of Placement and Set-Up Phase I in the amount of \$24,440.00, with the City of Sylacauga funding \$12,220.00 and the Commercial Development Authority funding \$12,220.00 by the following roll call vote:
Yeas: Fowler, Brewer, Heath; Nays Nix, Perryman.

17. Action that is necessary to approve 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) application from Timothy W. Allen, owner of Allens Quick Stop and Allens Food Mart Inc., located at 1229 Old Birmingham Highway in Sylacauga. Police report complete.

A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to approve 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) application from Timothy W. Allen, owner of Allens Quick Stop and Allens Food Mart Inc., located at 1229 Old Birmingham Highway in Sylacauga was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.

18. Action that is necessary to approve 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) application from Timothy W. Allen, owner of Allens Quick Stop and Allens Food Mart Inc., located at 42020 US Highway 280 Unit A in Sylacauga. Police report complete.

A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to approve 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for Timothy W. Allen, owner of Allens Quick Stop and Allens Food Mart Inc., located at 42020 US Highway 280 Unit A in Sylacauga, was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.

19. Action that is necessary to make appointment to the Industrial Development Board for the remaining six-year term vacated by Thomas K. Bass expiring April 2025; *Craig Stickley is the only applicant.*

A motion by Councilmember Perryman, second by Councilmember Nix to appoint Craig Stickley to the Industrial Development Board for the vacated remaining six-year term expiring April 2025 was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.

20. Action that is necessary to approve July Accounts Payable invoices in the amount of \$811,510.07

A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to approve July Accounts Payable invoices in the amount of \$811,510.07, was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.

21. Time for anyone to address the City Council – no action to be taken at this meeting: (Please come to the microphone and state your name and address for record prior to addressing the council.)

Randy Benefield, 215 Lang Circle wanted to bring attention to several dogs roaming in his neighborhood. He said the majority of the dogs are not harmful; however, there are a few that are feral. He is aware that the City is currently without an Animal Control Officer but wanted to know what was being done to address the situation. President Fowler stated he was aware of the situation and mentioned the previous animal control officer had set traps in an attempt to catch the dogs before retiring. He encouraged citizens to continue calling in sightings of the dogs while they work on finding a better way to address the situation.

Benfield also requested the new street sweeper to possibly run a different route due to its current day coinciding with curbside pick-up. Council President Fowler stated he would get in touch with Street Superintendent Reed Calfee to explore the possibility of an alternate route.

Jane Crowfoot, 308 E 3rd St inquired if the City offered a database or any resource that could provide detailed information or a means to ask questions. Councilmember Nix responded to Crowfoot that she was situated in her district. She explained that while the City did not currently have a central database specifically dedicated to such matters, Crowfoot could reach out to her directly with any questions or concerns. Councilmember Nix assured Crowfoot that she would act as an intermediary, directing the inquiries to the appropriate individuals in order to address any problems effectively.

22. Having no further business to discuss:

*A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Heath to adjourn was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Brewer, Heath, Nix, Perryman; Nays None.*

(Time of adjournment: 5:58 p.m.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL August 1st, 2023



Ashton Fowler, President of City Council

CERTIFICATION

I, ALEXANDRA LAMBERT, as City Clerk-Treasurer of the CITY OF SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA, do hereby certify that the foregoing document constitutes a true and correct permanent record of the action taken during a regular meeting of the City Council held August 1st, 2023.



Alexandra Lambert, City Clerk-Treasurer
City of Sylacauga